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## Letter from B.W. Chidlaw to James B. Finley

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Rev J B Finley  
Chaplain O.S.P.  
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Rev, J B. Finley.

Dear Bro,

I learn with great pleasure, of your toil and usefulness, in the chaplainship of the State Prison.

I feel that great results may be secured under the divine blessing on your arduous labour. May the Lord sustain you in soul and body, and make you more useful in winning souls to Christ than when I used to hear you in the Scioto Valley twenty years ago, when a boy, and yours the vigour of manhood.

I thank God that you have a Sabbath school in the Prison and that so much is done to furnish religious reading for the convicts.

Will you accept of a library of 100 Vols. of the excellent books of the Am S. S. Union. I think its introduction would do good and afford you increased facilities to carry out your plans of benevolent labour,



If you think such a gift desirable  
please send me word, and I will  
leave the books at the Methodist  
Book Rooms, bin, a elsewhere, as  
you may direct.

A few words about  
your Prison S.S. - its number of pupils  
and teachers - usefulness - and the  
utility of religious and moral reading  
among the convicts will be highly  
appreciated.

May the Lord help you  
and grant you a rich harvest of  
souls redeemed by the blood of Jesus.  
Richly laden with the experience  
of divine grace in your own soul  
may your days of usefulness run  
on till the Master shall call you  
to his throne.

Please let me hear  
from you soon.  
B. W. Chidlaw  
Cleveland  
Ham. Co. Ohio

Rev. B. Finckley